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## Before the Senate Committee on HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 6, 2017 1:15 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 016

## In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 603 SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL, ISLAND OF HAWAI'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NORMAN KAIMULOA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports Governor's Message 603, nominating Mr. Norman Kaimuloa to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawai'i expiring June 30, 2019.

The Island Burial Councils are established under Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Councils determine whether to preserve or relocate previously identified native Hawaiian burial sites, recognize lineal and cultural descendants, and provide counsel and advice to the Department.

Mr. Kaimuloa is a resident of Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i and has family ties and history to that area since the 1850's. He is a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha. Mr. Kaimuloa has always had an interest in protecting the iwi of his ancestors and serving on the Burial Council will afford him that opportunity. He currently serves on an interim basis. Currently, none of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council seats have representation from a member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha.

Senate confirmation will ensure that Mr. Kaimuloa's knowledge and perspective informs the deliberations of the Hawai'i Island Burial Council until June 30, 2019.